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Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) Utilities Survey

- 1. On 15 November 2009 we began the Annual Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) Utility Survey for Korea to carefully assess and adjust the current Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA). This important survey runs through 14 December 2009 to help you and your loved ones receive the OHA you deserve.
- 2. All service members in Korea that reside off-post AND receive OHA may access the annual Defense Travel Management Office (DTMO) conducted survey at https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/oha/survey/novoha.html or through the link on the right side of the 175 Finance Command web page at https://175fmc.korea.army.mil/.
- 3. To complete the survey, please review bills of your utility and maintenance expenses for the last twelve months and estimate a monthly average. If you pay one flat fee for your utility bills that are already included in your rent, DO NOT report your utility bills because it is already included in your OHA.
- 4. OHA is a valuable entitlement for service members stationed overseas. I applaud your efforts to make certain this allowance accurately reflects today's overseas living environment. Our time spent answering the survey questions enables DoD to set fair OHA utility rates and maximize money in our service members' pockets. This effort is critical to raising morale while fighting for the entitlement our service members need and deserve. Leaders must continue to emphasize the importance of this survey throughout their organizations.

5. We Go Together!

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